

Dear FCC:

In your biennial review of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau accessibility regulations to the telecom industry, I must ask, fervently, that you retain parts 6 and 7 as currently written.

I am totally blind and assure you that telecom access for the disabled is still only a dream in many instances.

While simple voice telephone units are accessible, by their very nature, many additional features are not, such as caller ID, with voice units being unavailable in many places, or incompatible with the local system.

Many cordless telephone units and those with many features use lcd menus and are also completely inaccessible to the blind as they have no speech output for menuing options.

More importantly, wireless communications leaves a great deal to be desired when it comes to accessibility. Only one cellular telephone, by one manufacturer, has any speech built in so a blind user may access the menus and features, and this is not widely in use yet. Most manufacturers are paying no attention to accessibility guidelines.

Virtually all cellular telephones require sight to use any but the most basic of features.

We are still in great need of accessibility legislation and regulatory control.

Please do not in any way lessen the strength of these rules.

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